

coating, a fourth mode with both metal coating and application coating, and a fifth mode with only application coating.

48. A plant according to claim 45, characterized in that the hall having the exit section D has a height and a length corresponding at least to a height and to a length of the exit accumulator.

49. A plant according to claim 48, characterized in that the hall having the exit section D exhibits a height determined in order to cover the exit accumulator while leaving beneath the accumulator a space of sufficient height to contain a complementary treatment section of the band extending beneath a rear portion of the accumulator, and at least said means for winding the band extending beneath a front portion of the accumulator, wherein the length of the hall is determined in order to leave, ahead of the accumulator, sufficient room to place therein the means for reversing the running direction of the band M.

50. A plant according to claim 48, characterized in that the hall having the supply section A has a height and a length corresponding at least to a height and to a length of an inlet accumulator.

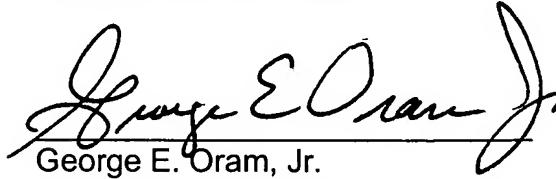
51. A plant according to claim 50, characterized in that the hall having the supply section A exhibits a height determined in order to cover the assembly composed of the inlet accumulator and a means for pre-heating the band. --

### REMARKS

Claims 24-51 are pending in this application. Claims 1 - 23 are being canceled. By this Amendment, claims 24-51 are amended to correct the multiple dependency of the original claims and to place this application into better condition for examination. No new matter is contained in the amendments.

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MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED PARAGRAPH

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, beginning at line 5 with the following paragraph:

It appears therefore that the band runs in each coating section, respectively metal "C" --B-- and application C, while following a running path comprising at least two vertical branches connected by a horizontal branch. Each coating section B, C is therefore inscribed in a rectangular block having two vertical lateral sides perpendicular to the general horizontal running direction of the band and whose height depends on the time necessary, on the one hand to the solidification of the zinc and, on the other hand, to the drying of the paint, taking into account the running speed. When two coats of paint are necessary, it is possible, as indicated above, to reduce the height of the section while folding the running path into two parallel columns.

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